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PROBE IS ASKED FOR WAR RISKS

RESOLUTION FOR INVESTIGATION INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN M'FADDEN

MANY ALLOTMENTS HAVE BEEN DELAYED

The Measure Introduced Implies That Charges of Delay and Negligence Are Laid at the Door of the Bureau of Insurance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Congressman McFadden of Pennsylvania introduced a resolution today to investigate the bureau of war risk insurance by a committee of nine regarding the charges that hundreds of soldiers' allotments have been delayed; and that the bureau has been negligent in caring for claims.

ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

Draft Evader Succeeds in Beating the Food Ration at the Jail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Van Skedine, a Canadian, has ended his hunger strike. He is dead. He was sent to the jail last August for one year as a draft evader.

He immediately began a hunger strike, but repented in a few days. He started another later, lasting sixteen days. His third strike continued thirteen days and he then decided to eat.

By this time his digestive organs refused to function and he was transferred to a hospital, where he died.

50,000 TREES IN GRIP

American Forestry Official Is to Aid in Reforesting France.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—To proffer American aid in reforesting areas of France, Percival S. Ridsdale, secretary of the American Forestry association, sailed today for Paris.

In an ordinary traveling bag Mr. Ridsdale carried enough seed to grow 50,000 trees. It was asked for by the French government for experimental planting.

FINLAND FREED OF HUNS

Last of German Troops Reported Leaving Country.

WASHINKTON, Dec. 17.—The last German troops left Finland yesterday under the command of officers of high rank, according to an official dispatch from Stockholm.

No German military instructors will be allowed to remain in Finland.

DELEGATIONS NOT CHOSEN

Number to Attend Peace Conference in Doubt.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Not even the number of delegates to the peace conference has as yet been fixed, said an official dispatch today denying various reports as to the make-up of the French delegation.

FIND IMPERIAL WARDROBE

William Had 598 Military Suits; Horses Have Been Confiscated

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(British Wireless Service)—An inventory of former Emperor William's private belongings has led to the discovery of the famous imperial wardrobe, including 598 German and foreign military and naval uniforms, according to the Boersen Zeitung of Berlin. Several thousand horses in stables formerly belonging to Herr Hohenzollern have been confiscated.

Negotiations looking to the safeguarding of the Hohenzollern family fourtunes are progressing slowly.

WANT WIHELM TO LEAVE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, the Telegraaf says it understands, has refused to leave Holland after official representations had been made that his continued presence in Holland was likely to involve the country in serious difficulties.

The former emperor, the paper adds, was told that his free departure would be a matter of gratification to the Dutch government.

MAYOR MAX

The heroic Mayor Max of Brussels was liberated by the Germans shortly before the signing of the armistice.

BAND CONCERT THIS EVENING

FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

Selections of Music Will Be Discoursed at Several Points on the Streets.

The recently organized O.-W. R. & N. employes' band will appear on the streets in a concert this evening, announces Jack Ridenaur, who is officiating as a sort of impressario for the band.

This will be the first public appearance of the railroad band, and the public is cordially and respectfully invited to participate in the capacity of auditors.

The band will appear at several of the most public street intersections and will proceed with the regular program of selections arranged for the occasion.

JAPANESE TO BE CITIZENS

Soldiers of the United States Army Await Privilege of Naturalization.

HONOLULU, T. R., Dec. 17.—Between 400 and 500 United States army soldiers, many of them Japanese, stationed on these islands, soon will be given an opportunity to apply for citizenship under the new war citizenship laws. The new law permits the naturalization of Japanese serving in the United States army, according to Federal Judge Vaughn.

George A. Crutchfield of San Francisco is coming here as a special representative of Richard K. Campbell, commissioner of naturalization, Washington, D. C., to investigate the cases of, and receive the application for, citizenship of the soldiers.

BRITISH WANT RELEASE

Prisoners in German Camps Anxious for Repatriation.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Sergeant-Major Ranhighan telegraphs to the Daily Mail from Holtau, Germany, where the Australian, South African and Canadian war prisoners are interned, advising that all the Britishers are fairly well, but anxiously awaiting repatriation.

He adds that postal communication has been stopped.

POSTPONED TO JANUARY 7

Neighborhood Club Meeting Deferred on Account of Sickness.

On account of sickness there will be no meeting of the Neighborhood club, as had been previously arranged for Tuesday, December 24. But an unusually interesting meeting is to be held on Tuesday, January 7, 1919. This meeting will be in charge of the Home Economics division and a splendid program of special features has been provided for that occasion.

FRENCH PREMIER SUSTAINED

But Member of Chamber of Deputies Makes Pertinent Inquiry.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The chamber of deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Clemenceau government, by a vote of 310 to 175. The vote was taken on the question as to whether the armistice terms were acceptable when a deputy asked why the total immediate demobilization of the German army is not included.

WHEAT OUTPUT WILL BE GOOD

BIGGEST FORECAST KNOWN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Excess Over All Previous Records Is Placed at Eighty Million Bushels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A huge winter wheat crop, larger by 80,000,000 bushels than any yield in the history of American agricultural, was forecast, Monday by the department of agriculture.

The government's approval, made before the coming of peace was in sight, saying an acreage of 47,500,000 was desirable and the guaranteed price of $2.20 a bushel for wheat stimulated extraordinary effort on the part of farmers, said the department's announcement. As a result, 49,027,000 acres were planted during a long and almost perfect season.

The fall growing season has been one of the finest ever known, resulting in the crop being in the best condition ever recorded on December 1, and giving promise of heavy yields.

Expect Billion Bushel Yeild

Allowing for the average spring abandonment of acreage due to winter killing, the department announced that winter wheat gives promise of a total production of 765,000,000 bushels. An average spring wheat crop would place next year's production of wheat beyond a billion bushels and exceed the record crop of 1915. Last year's spring wheat production was 363,000,000 bushels.

The condition of the crop on December 1 was 98.5 per cent of a normal compared with 79.3 a year ago, 85.7 in 1916 and a ten-year average of 88.2.

The area sown to rye is 6,820,000 acres, which is 1.7 per cent more than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1917, which was 6,708,000 acres.

The condition of the crop on December 1 was 89.0 per cent of a normal, compared with 84.1 a year ago 88.8 in 1916 and a ten-year average of 91.4.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The visible supply of American and bonded grain shows the following changes:

Wheat decreased 816,000 bushels.
Corn increased 281,000 bushels.
Oats decreased 69,000 bushels.
Rye increased 294,000 bushels.
Barley increased 369,000 bushels.

FINLAND FREE OF TEUTONS

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SAILORS ASK CONTROL

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Control of the merchant marine is demanded by a sailors' council formed at Hamburg, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende of this city. The council threatens to sink all the ships if its demand is not complied with. The council insists that the financing be borne by ship owners.

Late News

CZECHS OCCUPY KARLSBAD

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Czech forces have occupied Karlsbad, it is reported.

REVOLUTION IN BULGARIA

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—A revolution has broken out in Bulgaria, according to Hungarian dispatches.

MOBILIZING POLES

Force of a Million and a Half Is to Be Accumulated.

BERNE, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The Polish authorities here have called for the mobilization of the classes of 1883 to 1901, totaling a million and a half men.

MANY WOUNDED AT HOME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The number of sick and wounded from the American expeditionary forces landed in New York during the week ending December 1 totaled 4248.

CALLED TO SALT LAKE

Mrs. Ed. Coolidge Receives Notice of Death of Her Brother.

Mrs. Ed Coolidge was called to Salt Lake City last night by the death of her brother. The young man was formerly a resident of Oregon. Besides his parents and three sisters he leaves a wife and baby.

DENIED ADMISSION

Liebknecht and Luxemburg Barred From Soldier Councils.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Bolsheviki leaders, were refused permission to attend the national meeting of the workmen's and soldiers' councils yesterday. The radical members introduced a resolution demanding the right of Liebknecht to sit in conference. This was overruled by a huge majority.

RAIN UPSETS PLANS

Contemplated Trip to Marne Battlefield Is Postponed.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—A heavy rain necessitated postponing President Wilson's projected trip to the Marne battlefield and prevented the president and Admiral Grayson explaining the pastime of golf at St. Cloud, which had been planned for this morning.

ARMY BARS EX-PRINCE

Former German General Is Not Allowed to Remain as a Private.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—The former German crown prince at the outbreak of the revolution asked that he be allowed to remain with his army as a general, but his request was refused according to the Deutsche Zeitung of Berlin. He then offered to remain as a common soldier, but this also was rejected.

After he was forbidden to join his family as a civilian, the paper adds, he decided to go to Holland.

BOLSHEVIKI BOMBARDED

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The British squadron in the Gulf of Finland bombarded the front and rear sectors of the Bolsheviki forces, halting the enemy's advance, an Ethonian official communique has announced.

LIST OF DEAD IS COMPLETED

ALL MAJOR CASUALTIES SOON TO BE KNOWN

General Pershing Designates Additional Units to Be Sent Home at Early Date.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—General Pershing calbled the war department Monday that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by December 20 and of severely wounded by December 27.

General Pershing said that the number of unreported casualties in progress of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary forces on December 14 was 40,440. They were divided as follows:

Killed in action, 390; died of wounds, 275; died of disease, 353; accidentally killed, 51; severely wounded, in action, 39,371. These included all "suspense cases under investigation," the general said.

Wild Cat Division Casualties

Total casualties to November 23 in the 30th (Wild Cat) division (North Carolina and Tennessee national guard) were given at 7623. The casualties were classified as follows: Killed in action, 1468; died of other causes, 5; severely wounded, 1181; wounded, degree undetermined, 805; slightly wounded, 3973; missing or captured, 193.

General Pershing reported that the number of duplicated casualties discovered in the central records office since November 27 would not operate to reduce the total for the entire expeditionary forces given in his summary of that date as additional casualties reported more than offset the duplicates.

Designate Units to Return

A message from General Pershing added about 2000 additional men to those designated by him for early return to the United States. The units are:

The 400th, 465th, 467th, 488th, 499th, 835th, and 840 aero squadrons; the first gas regiment at full strength, the anti-aircraft artillery school detachment, and replacement battery.

The report Monday from the American commander was in reply to specific questions cabled by the war department. In asking regarding the casualties in the 30th division, the department said there had been "much apprehension" here about the losses of this unit which helped the British army break the famous Hindenburg line.

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17 LIVES LOST WITH SHIP

Details of Recent Gibraltar Sinking Made Known.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Seventeen men, members of the crew of the British steamer Larchgrove, lost their lives when that ship was sunk in a collision with the American steamer Hawaiian in the latter part of October in the Strait of Gibraltar, it was learned here today, with the arrival of the Hawaiian.

The American ship was leaving the strait and the British ship was entering when the accident occurred.

GEN. W. P. MARSHALL

Gen. W. P. Marshall, whose forces operating on both banks of the Tigris river trapped the entire Turkish army facing them.

CARING FOR THE WOUNDED

NEW YORK AND NEWPORT NEWS CHIEF ENTRANCE POINTS

Red Cross Lends Invaluable Aid in Caring for Men Who Must Be Sent Inland to Homes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—November's swing of the pendulum of history from war to peace, which reversed the eastward flow of America's fighting millions—the greatest transoceanic troop movement ever known—brought the American people face to face with the tragedy of the casualty lists.

General Pershing's announcement that more than 58,000 of the expeditionary forces had given their lives in the nation's cause and that 14,000 others, exclusive of prisoners, were missing, created a profound impression, but the human touch of almost 190,000 wounded, 16,000 of whom already have been returned in various stages of helplessness to their native shores, promises to give the country its first real appreciation of the sacrifices of its sons who followed the flag on foreign soil.

Wounded Well Cared for

The method of their debarkation denies to the home-coming wounded the popular honors paid their comrades in full health. But the war department, operating along lines intended to give the lie to the proverbial "ingratitude of government," has arranged for medical, recreational and educational attention whose aim is to restore these maimed heroes, as fully as possible, to physical comfort and financial independence.

From the day of their arrival at New York or Newport News, the ports of debarkation, to their re-entrance into civilian life, a host of Good Samaritans—army doctors, nurses and orderlies and workers of the American Red Cross—will minister to these sufferers from a ruthless enemy's engines of war. Harbor hospital boats, debarkation hospitals, hospital trains and general hospitals for reconstruction or convalescence form a chain of service linking the westward-bound fleets of transports with the homes of the wounded. And in this service the medical debarkation corps, suddenly thrust into the foreground, of publicity by the collapse of the central powers, plays an important and picturesque part.

Medical Men Ready.

The end of the war found the port medical authorities prepared to shoulder the heavy burden laid upon them. During nineteen months of American participation in the conflict, they had maintained an embarkation hospital service, treating the comparatively rare cases of illness among troops ready to go overseas. When American forces entered the trenches small groups of wounded, evacuated from hospitals in France, began to filter through the service on this side of the Atlantic. With this experience accentuated by the lessons of the allied governments in repatriating their wounded, the debarkation system was put in readiness for the reception of injured men at the rate of 10,000 to 15,000 a month.

During the war and a five weeks' period following the signing of the armistice, approximately 11,500 wounded had been received at New York and 500 at Newport News. And the authorities were prepared, on of-

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GERMAN PEOPLE ARE DOCILE

NO HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST OCCUPANCY OF TERRITORY.

MOVEMENT HAS NO PARALLEL IN HISTORY

Americans are Now Operating Hundred of Miles of Railway and Have Administration of Many Cities—Great Responsibility is Assumed.

WITH AMERICANS ACROSS THE RHINE, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The Third army now occupies a strip of Germany containing more than 4500 square miles. It is supervising the administration of several hundred villages; operating hundreds of miles of railroads and street car lines. Taking over this tremendous responsibility with the multitudinous needs of hundreds of thousands of hostile people will be almost entirely accomplished in fifteen days. There is not a precedent in history of this occupation which is also remarkable in that it was finished without any hostile demonstration by either the inhabitants or the people.

TROUBLES IN REICHSTAG

Soldier Shot by Woman Who Concealed Weapon in Muff.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The Berlin's workmen's and soldiers' council protested against summoning the reichstag, demanding that President Fehrenbach be punished; and that the present government resign, according to dispatches received here.

Serious rioting occurred at Dresden Sunday night, it is reported. Two were killed and six wounded. One of the victims was a soldier. The soldier was shot by a woman who concealed a revolver in her muff.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

Poland Charges German Legation as Aiders of Bolsheviki.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Polish authorities have ordered the German legation to return to Berlin, charging that the Germans have encouraged the Bolsheviki.

PROMISE FULFILLED

McNary Succeeds Mulkey Who Has Resigned as Senator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Senator Charles McNary of Oregon, was sworn into today. He succeeds Frederick Mulkey, who resigned after taking the short-term seat, as agreed upon prior to the election.

POLAND BREAKS WITH HUNS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw.

Poland, as a reason for the rupture, accuses the German authorities in occupied provinces of acting contrary to Polish interests and working with the Bolsheviki. At the request of the Polish government, Governor General von Beseler and the entire staff of the German mission will leave the territory of the Polish republic.

RULE UKRAINIAN CAPITAL

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, was occupied Saturday by troops of the "Directory," according to a telegram received here Monday. The hetman of the Ukraine has abdicated and the cabinet has resigned. Order is being maintained by troops of the Directory and German units.

ZERO HOUR FOR NEVADA BOOZE

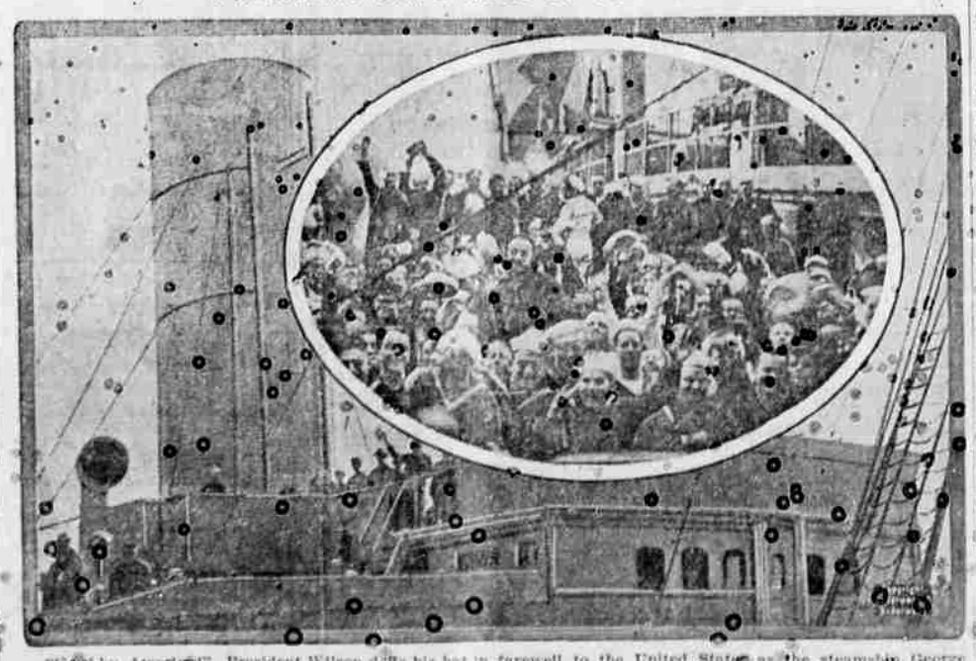
RENO, Nev., Dec. 17.—When the midnight hour struck, Nevada went dry, and there appeared to be little mourning or jollification in Reno. Cafarets and bars were well filled to the closing hour.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Dec. 17.—Rain.

J. C. Bartin, lumberman of Spokane is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bode 804 O Ave.

PRESIDENT SAYS GOOD-BY TO AMERICA



"Good-by, America!" President Wilson doffs his hat in farewell to the United States as the steamship George Washington, bearing the presidential party, steams from its pier at Hoboken. Above is seen the crew of the George Washington cheering the president on his arrival.